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Crl OP No.4884 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.02.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

Crl.O.P.No.4884 of 2025

Praveenraj @ Kutta

... Petitioner

Versus

State by the
The Inspector of Police,
Villupuram Taluk Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No.980 of 2024

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS Act, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest at the hands of the respondent police in connection with Cr.No.980 of 2024 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner : Mr.S.Chinnasamy

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act in Crime No.980 of 2024, seeks anticipatory bail.



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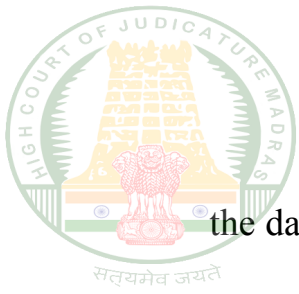
2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused A1 was found in possession of 1.900kgs of ganja and that the petitioner (A3) was implicated on the A1's confession.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the allegations are false; that the petitioner has been implicated on the confession of co-accused; that no contraband has been seized from the petitioner; that he has no bad antecedents and that in any case, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required, and prayed for anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the petitioner has been implicated on the confession of the coaccused/A1 and no contraband has been seized from the petitioner.

5. No contraband has been seized from the petitioner; he has no bad antecedents. There is no other material except the confession of co-accused to implicate the petitioner. Further, this court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from



the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the *Special Court for Trial of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act Cases,*

Villupuram on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further conditions that:

[a] [a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the Petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the Petitioner is released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**;



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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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Vv

To

1. The Special Court for Trial of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act Cases, Villupuram
2. The Inspector of Police, Villupuram Taluk Police Station, Villupuram District.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai.



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